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United States Research Protection Act of 2025

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2025
Sen. Curtis, John R. [R-UT]	R · UT		Apr 10, 2025
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		Sep 15, 2025
Sen. McCormick, David [R-PA]	R · PA		Nov 20, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 22, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill clarifies the definition of a *malign foreign talent recruitment program* under the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act.

The Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act, which was included in the CHIPS and Science Act, prohibits researchers who receive federal funds from participating in malign foreign talent recruitment programs, in which foreign countries incentivize or compensate researchers for activities that present a conflict of interest for the researcher or that are otherwise unauthorized (e.g., sharing proprietary information without proper authorization).

The bill clarifies that these restrictions apply to programs that are sponsored by a foreign country of concern, including China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia. The bill also clarifies that malign foreign talent recruitment programs may involve direct or indirect compensation or incentives from such countries.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cruz without amendment. With written report No. 119-45.
- **Jul 22, 2025:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.
- **Apr 30, 2025:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 27, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 27, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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